



— State of —
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
September 21, 2007

WHEREAS, throughout American history, many men and women have bravely served in our military and sacrificed much to preserve our country and protect democracy around the world; and

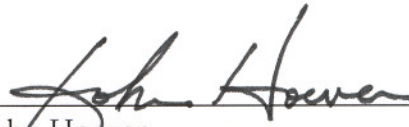
WHEREAS, some of those brave men and women who answered the call to service were captured in conflict and imprisoned by our enemies; and

WHEREAS, over 78,000 Americans are still missing from World War II, more than 8,000 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, approximately 1,779 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, one from the Gulf War, and four from Operation Iraqi Freedom, and their families, friends and other concerned Americans must continue to deal with the uncertainty of their fate; and

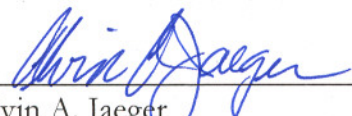
WHEREAS, on this day, we honor those Americans who were prisoners of war and recognize them for the courage and determination they showed in the face of unspeakable hardships, and we honor those who remain unaccounted for, especially remembering the sacrifices of their families who face each day without knowing the fate of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to never forget the sacrifices made by those who so courageously and selflessly defended our nation and protected our way of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 21, 2007, **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.


John Hoeven
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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State